

REMARKS

This Amendment is being presented in response to the Office Action that was mailed August 5, 2004.

In this Amendment, claims 21 and 22 have been canceled and claim 8 has been amended.

In the Office Action, claims 8, 13-16, 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C.112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicant regards as the invention.

Reconsideration is requested.

Claim 8 has been amended to point out the invention and to overcome the particular objections that have been raised by the Examiner. The peeling sheet 2 is shown in Fig. 2 as being attached to support member 5 at page 8, lines 9-21. The joining of these elements by YAG welding is shown at page 7, last 3 lines and at page 8, lines 1-8. The placing of the polytetrafluoroethylene film on the tip 2a of the peeling sheet is described at page 9, lines 9-13. Claim 8 has been revised to point out that the peeling member consists essentially of a metal support member, a peeling sheet having a polytetrafluoroethylene tip. The term, "sheet shaped" film has been amended to recite the term "film". This term is disclosed in the specification at page 10, line 7 generally in conjunction with the term "fluororesin" and specifically with polytetrafluoroethylene at page 10, lines 18-19. The recitation in currently amended claim 8 that the film is adhered with a silicone adhesive makes it clear that a film is not applied in a coating operation. Claim 14 has been revised to point out that a surface of the polytetrafluoroethylene is treated which is to be applied to the peeling sheet as disclosed in the specification at page 11, lines 16-25. The term "metal plate" at page 16, line 17 refers to

the material which is used to make the peeling sheet, as is evident from page 8, last two lines.


For these reasons, it is believed that the newly amended claims are free of any formal objection and are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is thanked for his courtesy in withdrawing the rejection over the prior art and in acknowledging the submission of the Declaration.

Any suggestions that the Examiner has to improve the claim would be sincerely appreciated.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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